

**GAME 3**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016
POSTGAME NOTES

COLUMBIA REGIONAL \* FOUNDERS PARK \* JUNE 3-0

## **SOUTH CAROLINA 4, DUKE 2**

## **South Carolina Notes**

- With the win, South Carolina is 129-65 all-time in NCAA Tournament games.
- The Gamecocks are now 61-11 all-time in NCAA postseason games in Columbia and 19-3 in Regional and Super Regional contests at Founders Park.
- South Carolina has won at least one game in 30 of the 31 NCAA postseason series contested in Columbia.
- The Gamecocks are now 56-34-1 all-time against Duke, with a seven-game winning streak. They have not lost to the Blue Devils since 1972.
- Sophomore right-hander Tyler Johnson (2-2) earned the win, his first victory since April 10 against Tennessee.
- Sophomore Hunter Taylor started at catcher, hit fourth start of the season and his first since April 30 vs. Florida.
- Taylor's go-ahead double in the 9th inning was his first hit and double since April 16 vs. Georgia. The RBI was his second of the year and first since March 16 vs. Davidson.
- Taylor's 2nd-inning run was his second run scored of the season and his first since April 16 vs. Georgia.
- Junior Gene Cone led off the game with a single, running his current hitting streak to nine games. With his single in the 4th inning, he reached multi-hit status for the 18th time this season.
- Freshman LT Tolbert went 2-for-3 for his eighth multi-hit game of the season and his first since March 20 vs. Arkansas. He also scored Carolina's insurance run in the 9th inning.
- Starting pitcher Braden Webb left the game after 3.0 IP of work. He worked to three batters in the 4th inning before departing; it was his second-shortest outing of the season and his shortest since April 16, when he left after 2.1 IP vs. Georgia.
- Junior left-hander Josh Reagan tossed 4.2 innings, matching his March 6 appearance at Clemson for his longest effort of the season. He threw 58 pitches, second-most this season for the southpaw.

## **Duke Notes**

- Duke, which was making its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1961, fell to 18-14 all-time in NCAA postseason play.
- The Blue Devils exited the NCAA Tournament without a victory for the first time in program history. They had won at least three games in each of their previous NCAA postseason runs.
- Starting pitcher Trent Swart (4-3) threw 8.0 innings and 118 pitches, both season highs. He pitched into the 9th inning for the first time since May 18, 2012, a complete-game victory over Boston College.
- Swart retired 11 straight Gamecocks beginning in the 5th inning and ending with Dom Thompson-Williams singling up the middle to start the 9th inning.
- Sophomore Justin Bellinger's game-tying home run in the 6th inning was his seventh of the season and his first since May 20 against Pitt.
- Bellinger finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate and recorded his 14th multi-hit game of the season.

